(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details regarding the action taken by Government to cancel their further orders, if any?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Neyveli Lignite Corporation has claimed compensation from the supplier for liquidated damages on account of delayed delivery of equipment.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Twenty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts, under sub-section (3) of section 23 read with sub-section (4) of section 22 of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Act, 1959.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Commission.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4282/87 for (i) to (iii)].

I. Report and Accounts (1982-83) of the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Central Machine Tool Institute, Bangalore and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1982-83, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at 1 (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4245/87 for (1) and (2)].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Central Machine Tool Institute, Bangalore, for the year 1985-86.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4288/87 for (i) and (ii)]

Statement giving reasons for not laying the Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta within the stipulated period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Accounts of the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1985-86, within the stipulated period.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4289/87].

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM (Bihar): Sir, I beg to present the Ninety-second Report of the Committee on Petitions on the petition signed by Prof. Manubhai Shah, Managing Trustee, Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad and others praying for immediate enforcement of Hire Purchase Act, 1972 and matters connected therewith

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON *THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED* CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI (Arunachal Pradesh): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-third Report of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) — Reservations for, and employment of, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Western Railway.

REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS *COMMITTEE*

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee:—

(i) Eightieth Report on action taken contained in their 231st Report (Seventh Lok Sabha) relating to Financial Review-cum-commercial accounts of Canteen Stores Department.

(ii) Ninetieth Report on India Government Mint, Bombay-Overview.

RE. ALLEGED REMARKS OF YOUTH CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY AGAINST PRESIDENT

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): I am glad that you have permitted me to draw your attention to a very serious matter.

Sir, yesterday's Indian Express carried a news with the title "Youth Congress General Secretary says Zail part of plot to destabilise Government", and then the news stated: "The President, Mr. Zail Singh, is party to the international conspiracy to destabilise the Government of the Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi". Again, it has been mentioned in that news item: "The Punjab tragedy, Operation Bluestar and assassination of Mrs. Gandhi can all be attributed to one person's designs," indicating thereby the President, Mr. Zail Singh, in that news, as it suggests.

Sir, when our Prime Minister, on the one hand, has gone on record saying that the President should not be brought to a public controversy, a leader of his own party of the Youth wing—its President is also a Member of this House—has indulged himself in making this insinuation in public against the President by name. Sir, President is a part of Parliament. This is amazing...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Have you permitted him to discuss President's conduct, in the Rajya Sabha?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: No. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Then what